

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

DR. WELLINGTON KOO, Chinese ambassador to Great Britain, this week denied prevalent rumors that he would become foreign minister.

BENJAMIN WILFRID FLEISHER, former publisher of the Japan Advertiser in Tokyo and well-known American newspaperman throughout the Far East, died in the Mayo Clinic early this month, according to the Evening Post. Fleisher, who was 76, was a co-founder of the China Press with the late Thomas Millard.

DON KING, former United Press bureau manager in Shanghai, returned from the States this week to establish an advertising agency. Shanghai offices of King-DeGaw International are located at 53 Foochow Road.

REV. D. E. HOSTE, 85, died this week in London. Reverend Hoste, who for 30 years was head of the China Inland Mission, had returned to England only last year following his release from a Japanese internment camp.

DR. MEI LAN-FANG lost more than \$10,000,000 during a 13-day performance in the Nanking Theater here. Although receipts were large, government taxes, salaries and rental were so great that he ran a sizeable daily deficit.

CHEN CHI-MAI, China's delegate to the UNRRA Council meeting in America, last week said that 30,000,000 Chinese are starving today and that present UNRRA allowances provide only eight ounces of food per day for these people.

LT. GEN. SUN LI-JEN, who stopped off in Tokyo on his way from Washington to Nanking, conferred briefly with General MacArthur.

HENRY PU YI, "Emperor" of Manchukuo, is reported now in Vladivostok enroute to China for trial.

JAMES B. PILCHER has been assigned American consul here. Pilcher, who has spent most of his 18 years' foreign service work in China, is being transferred from Paris.

MR. YU TSUNG-CHI has sailed for Rome where he will take up his new post of ambassador to Italy.

LT.-GEN. ALBERT C. WEDEMEYER this week was reportedly being considered for the post of ambassador to China.

MRS. GEORGE C. MARSHALL, wife of General Marshall, arrived here this week from Nanking to undergo treatment at the Country Hospital. She was accompanied by Madame Chiang Kai-shek.

PREMIER T. V. SOONG last week told the preparatory committee of the National Chamber of Commerce that it was the government's plan to turn over state corporations gradually to private interests. He said the Government was now running only enterprises of such magnitude that at present were beyond the abilities of private groups.

CORNELL S. FRANKLIN this week was appointed chairman of the American Association here to succeed Dr. C. L. Boynton, who recently left for a trip to the States. J. C. Oliver was appointed

vice-chairman, while S. M. Alcone will continue as honorary secretary and treasurer.

WILLIAM D. PAWLEY, new U.S. ambassador to Brazil, was awarded the Medal of Merit by President Truman this week "for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services to the United Nations." Mr. Pawley is well-known in China where for many years he was in the airplane business.

GENERALISSIMO CHIANG KAI-SHEK paid a visit to the coffin of General Tai Li in Nanking last week. Tai, chief of one of China's strongest secret police organizations, was killed in a plane crash six weeks ago.

THE KUM BUM LAMA of Tibet, or in private life Hugh Greer Carruthers, began serving a five-year sentence in an Illinois prison which was imposed following conviction on 34 mail fraud charges and sex violations. He was charged with having defrauded investors of US\$289,000.

THE KING OF CAMBODIA, Nerondon Sihanouk arrived in Paris last week on the beginning of a tour that will take him to Normandy and Chateaux. At Paris the King exchanged calls with President Gouin.

M. JACQUES BAEYENS newly-appointed French Consul-General arrived in Shanghai by plane from San Francisco last Thursday. He was expected to assume his post here after a short trip to Nanking.

DR. D. K. LIEU, well-known economist and statistician, who has been connected with the Central Bank of China for the past few years, left for America May 10 by plane to attend a meeting of the Statistics Committee of the UNO.

GENERAL CHANG CHUN was expected in Nanking where he had a call upon General Ho Ying-chin scheduled and where it is believed he will be of much assistance in reopening the PCC meeting.

YU TA-WEI, presently Vice-Minister for War, was rumored in Nanking circles to be in the near future the successor of Yu Fei-ping as Minister of Communications.

LEO CHERNE, American economics expert, expects to visit Premier T. V. Soong in Shanghai in June to discuss Chinese economics and taxes. Cherne is currently in Japan at the request of General MacArthur making an economic study of Japan.

PREMIER T. V. SOONG had a busy week conferring with American and Chinese officials on textile production, issuing directives on methods for food price stabilization to Pang Soong-chou, Vice-Minister of Food, and meeting in conference with transportation, UNRRA, and CNRRA officials.

GENERAL DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER, chief of staff of the U.S. Army, paid a short visit to Shanghai and Nanking for the purpose of seeing Army problems in China first-hand. In a press conference, he said that the U.S. is merely interested in promoting the growth of friendship between China and America and has "no ulterior motives" in her activity in China.